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Processing Potatoes

Processors in the 9 major States have used 65.9 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 7 percent from a year ago and 9 percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 12.2 million cwt of the total processing, down 16 percent from last year and 14 percent below the same date in 2003. Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 30.3 million cwt of potatoes to December 1, down 6 percent compared to last year. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, used 22.6 million cwt of potatoes to December 1, 7 percent lower than one year ago.

Potatoes: Used for processing, selected areas, 2004 and 2005 crops ¹

Storage season	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To June 1	Entire season
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>
	Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon							
2004-2005	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
2005-2006	22,590	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Washington and other areas, Oregon							
2004-2005	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
2005-2006	30,340	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Maine ²							
2004-2005	1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
2005-2006	1,280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other states ³							
2004-2005	12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
2005-2006	11,715	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total							
2004-2005	70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
2005-2006	65,925	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Total excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI and WI.
² Includes ME grown potatoes only.
³ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

Oregon’s December 1 Stocks Up Compared to Last Year

Potato stocks in Oregon totaled 19.0 million cwt as of December 1, 2005, reflecting an increase of 12 percent from one year ago. These stocks account for 86 percent of the total 2005 Oregon potato crop, the same percentage as last year at this time. The stocks estimate does however include potatoes received from other States now being stored in Oregon. About 71 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 10 percent were in the Klamath Basin area.

Potato stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage, waste and other losses that occur after June 1.

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December Potato Stocks Down 6 Percent from Last Year

The 13 major potato States held 253 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2005, down 6 percent from last year and 5 percent below December 1, 2003, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 68 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Stocks by type were 3 percent red, 12 percent round white, 2 percent long white (Shepody), and 83 percent russets, with fewer long whites and more round whites and russets than a year ago for comparable States. Disappearance of 120 million cwt from the start of harvest to December 1, is down 8 percent from last year and 10 percent below 2 years ago for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 14.0 million cwt, is down 9 percent from last year and 6 percent below the same date in 2003 for comparable States. Processors have used 65.9 million cwt of 2005 crop potatoes so far this season, down 7 percent from a year ago and 9 percent below 2 years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, total processing decreased 7 percent from a year ago and Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing dropped 6 percent from last season. Dehydrating usage accounts for 12.2 million cwt of the total processing, down 16 percent from last year and 14 percent below the same date in 2003. Western States held 176 million cwt of potatoes in storage on December 1, down 5 percent from last year and 1 percent below 2 years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 10 percent from last year, Colorado's potato sheds stored 9 percent less than in 2004, stocks in Montana are 6 percent below last season, and California's stocks decreased 47 percent from last year. Oregon's potato stocks are up 12 percent from last year and Washington's potato sheds stored 4 percent more than last season. Central States accounted for 61.2 million cwt of potato stocks on December 1, down 9 percent from last year and 14 percent below 2 years ago for comparable States. Wisconsin's potato stocks are down 2 percent from last year, North Dakota's potato sheds are 29 percent below last season, and Nebraska's stocks decreased 10 percent from December 1, 2004. Michigan and Minnesota's potato sheds both stored 4 percent more than last year. Eastern States stored 16.0 million cwt of potatoes on December 1, down 8 percent from last year and 1 percent below 2 years ago for comparable States. Maine's potato sheds hold 14 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks increased 35 percent from a year ago.

Fall Potatoes: Production and stocks, Oregon and major potato producing states total, 2001-2005 ¹								
Crop year	Production	Total stocks						
		Dec 1	Following year					
			Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>
	Oregon							
2001	20,730	17,500	15,500	14,000	11,500	8,500	6,500	3,000
2002	24,936	17,500	15,000	12,500	9,900	7,500	5,000	2,300
2003	20,991	18,000	15,800	13,500	11,000	8,400	5,500	2,900
2004	19,775	17,000	14,500	11,800	9,000	6,200	3,900	2,100
2005	22,023	19,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
	15 Major states ¹							
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 ²	373,696	253,400	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ See table below for listing of 15 major fall potato states.
² 13 major states. Ohio and Pennsylvania stock estimates were discontinued in 2005.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes, 2004 and 2005 crops ¹						
State	Crop of 2004			Crop of 2005		
	Production	Total stocks Dec 1, 2004	Dec 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Dec 1, 2005	Dec 1 stocks as % of production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	19,775	17,000	86	22,023	19,000	86
Idaho	131,970	93,500	71	116,975	84,000	72
Washington	93,810	50,000	53	95,480	52,000	54
Pacific Northwest ²	245,555	160,500	65	234,478	155,000	66
California	3,648	3,000	82	3,240	1,600	49
Colorado	23,791	18,000	76	22,292	16,300	73
Maine	19,065	15,000	79	15,820	12,900	82
Michigan	13,650	8,000	59	13,920	8,300	60
Minnesota	18,920	13,000	69	17,630	13,500	77
Montana	3,551	3,500	99	3,434	3,300	96
Nebraska	9,288	6,300	68	8,106	5,700	70
New York	5,184	2,300	44	5,226	3,100	59
North Dakota	26,765	19,600	73	20,500	14,000	68
Ohio ³	1,080	200	19			
Pennsylvania ³	2,640	1,600	61			
Wisconsin	30,450	20,100	66	29,050	19,700	68
15 State Total	403,587	271,100	67	373,696	253,400	68

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt.
² Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.
³ Stock estimates discontinued in 2005.